

## Upcoming Events

### April 3rd

DBE Illiana Corridor  
Outreach Event  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Tinley Park  
Convention Center  
18451 Convention Ctr  
Dr  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
Contact:  
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Tracy.Morse@  
imagesinc.net  
(630) 449-7876

### April 5th

Champaign IFR/VFR  
Seminar  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
U of I Willard Airport  
11 Airport Rd  
Savoy, IL  
Contact:  
Carol Para  
Carol.Para@illinois.  
gov

### April 9th

Spring Valley Bridge  
Replacement Public  
Hearing  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Spring Valley City Hall  
215 N. Greenwood St  
Spring Valley, IL  
Contact:  
Ted Fultz  
Ted.Fultz@illinois.  
gov

For a complete list of  
events, visit [http://  
www.diversity.dot.  
illinois.gov/event\\_  
calendar.aspx](http://www.diversity.dot.illinois.gov/event_calendar.aspx)



# Illinois Department of Transportation Diversity Matters!

April 2014

## Illinois Short List Proposers to Present at April DBE Event

On April 3, 2014, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will host its second Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) outreach event for the Illiana Corridor, featuring presentations from the four Illinois proposal team finalists. The event will take place at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

**Check-in:** 1:00 - 1:30 pm

**Presentations:** 1:30 - 2:45 pm

### Rotating sessions with proposal team finalists:

2:50 - 6:00 pm

The event is expected to attract attendees from DBEs, small businesses and other industry firms looking to team with contractors for work on the Illiana Corridor. It will be a unique opportunity for DBEs to meet with proposal team members and the IDOT study team to learn about design and construction opportunities, as well as certification and eligibility.

The selected finalist teams for the Illiana portion of the Illiana are Illiana West Mobility Partners, Illinois Corridor Connection Group, Illinois Mobility Partners and WM Illinois-Illiana Partners. The Indiana procurement is being handled separately by the Indiana Finance Authority and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

For more information, visit: [www.IllianaCorridor.org/P3](http://www.IllianaCorridor.org/P3).

## IDOT Announces Summer Employment Opportunity

The Illinois Department of Transportation will post a student employment opportunity on the department's website at <http://www.dot.il.gov/techapp/internships.html> in mid-April.

The Summer Engineering

Program, which runs June 16th through August 31st, is for students who have completed a minimum of one year (30 semester hrs, 45 qtr. hrs credit) of college courses in engineering to four or more years in engineering. The Summer Non-Engineering Program

is for high school students who are 18 years or older, and students who are attending or have completed four or more years of college in areas other than engineering.

For additional information, visit our website or call 217-782-5594.

## Chicago Career Day Proves Successful; Career Day Metro East Set for April

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) hosted more than 300 high school students from more than 10 schools to the Chicago Laborers' Facility in Chicago in March for the 7th Career Day event.

Career Day is designed to be a workforce development tool that introduces high school

students to careers in the transportation industry.

Through hands-on activities, exhibits, and heavy equipment demonstrations, local high school students have the opportunity to learn about several exciting transportation-related careers.

The next Career Day will be held on April 9, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the America's Central Port, 1635 First Street, Granite City.

For more information, please visit the website at [www.dot.il.gov/careerday/default.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/careerday/default.html) or contact the Career Day Coordinator at 217-785-9051.

## IDOT Announces Current Procurement Opportunities

The Illinois Department of Transportation announces current procurement opportunities open for bid. To find a full list of opportunities, potential vendors can visit the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at [www.purchase.state.il.us](http://www.purchase.state.il.us).

## DBE Revolving Loan Program Workshops Scheduled

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that workshops have started to further educate the public about the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Revolving Loan Program.

The workshops will be held statewide through May to offer a program overview and answer any questions firms may have about the program.

The program allows IDOT to make low-interest loans to certified minority- and female-owned businesses that have construction contracts with the agency.

The next deadline for completed loan applications is May 14, 2014 for firms to be deemed pre-eligible by the June Letting.

We encourage all firms to submit their applications prior to the deadline as applications must be completed in totality to meet the requirement by the deadline.

For more information on the workshops or the loan program, visit <http://www.dot.il.gov/doingbusiness/dbe/revolvingloan.html>.

## April Letting Announced

The Illinois Department of Transportation is preparing for the April letting, which is scheduled for April 25, 2014. The April letting is currently advertising 176 projects totaling a programmed estimated amount of \$301,985,00. Twelve of these projects have a Small Business Initiative designation. The total weighted Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for the letting is 10.3 percent.

For more information, visit <http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/delett.html>.

## DBE Conference Celebrates 25 Years

The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Reward (TCTR) event recently celebrated 25 years. The two-day event took place at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.

TCTR attracted approximately 250 attendees representing construction, trucking, engineering, professional consulting and design. The event covered a range of topics such as procurement, audit preparation, business plan basics, project management and social media marketing.

Illinois Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider presented awards to the following:

- » DBE of the Year - Gardenscape Contractors, Inc.
- » New DBE of the Year - Avery & Pryor Construction, LLC
- » Engineering Firm of the Year – Kaskaskia Engineering
- » Prime of the Year – Sangamo Construction
- » Humanitarian Award - Midwest Construction Services (Washington Tornado Relief)
- » DBE Advocate of the Year – Representative William Davis and Senator Mattie Hunter (Efforts on the DBE Revolving Loan Legislation)

The event is hosted each year by the IDOT's Office of Business and Workforce Diversity. For more information, visit [www.dot.state.il.us/sbe/TCTR/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/sbe/TCTR/index.html).

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Illinois Department of  
Transportation  
Bureau of Civil Rights, 3rd Floor  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway,  
Springfield, Illinois 62764-0001

A complaint may be filed directly with FHWA by contacting their Office of Civil Rights at:

The Federal Highway  
Administration  
3250 Executive Park Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
Telephone: (217) 492-4600  
Fax: (217) 492-4621

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